

2023 ARLINGTON TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 12 ARTIFICIAL TURF

VOTE YES ON BENSON-STAMPS SUBSTITUTE MOTION

A balanced approach for a healthier Arlington

A. Establishes Artificial Turf (AT) Study Committee To review, compare and report on health, safety, environmental impacts of AT fields vs natural grass fields, including possible mitigation measures. Report due before 2024 Town Meeting.

Voting Members, a balanced group of town government stakeholders:

- Conservation Commission appointee
- Park and Recreation Commission appointee
- Capital Planning Committee appointee
- Envision Arlington appointee
- Health and Human Services Director or her designee;
- Select Board appointment of Town resident, and Town Moderator appointment of Town Meeting Member, both preferably with public health or environmental experience

Requirements for each member to ensure a neutral Study Committee:

- In the previous 5 years, has not testified in a legal hearing for or against AT or has had income from work relating to AT fields or has worked for a business or organization involved with AT fields.
- Will not be a current or former member of American Sports Builders Association or the Synthetic Turf Council or be an employee or principal of a business which is a current or former member of these entities.

Ex-officio Non-voting Members to ensure input from both the environmental perspective and from the sports perspective:

- The Town's Environmental Planner / Conservation Agent; and
- The Town's Recreation Director

B. Establishes one year Moratorium on installation of Artificial Turf on town land through earlier of: submit report or 2024 Town Meeting • Arlington HS exempted (has prior contracts) • Another TM can reverse/amend (e.g., Fall 2023 Special TM)